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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DOD-2019-HA-0060]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

**ACTION:** Information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by [insert date 60 days after date of publication in the Federal Register].

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Department of Defense, Office of the Chief Management Officer, Directorate for Oversight and Compliance, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Mailbox #24, Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this Federal Register document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Derek Smolenski, the Psychological Health Center of Excellence (PHCoE), OMAMC 9933 West Hayes St., Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA 98433 or call (253) 968-2946.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:** Department of Defense Suicide Event Report; DD Form 2996; OMB Control Number 0720-0058.

**Needs and Uses:** This data system will provide integrated enterprise and survey data to be used for direct reporting of suicide events and ongoing population-based health surveillance activities. These surveillance activities include the systematic collection, analysis, interpretation, and reporting of outcome-specific data for use in planning, implementation, evaluation, and prevention of suicide behaviors within the Department of Defense. Data is collected on individuals with reportable suicide and self-harm behaviors (to include suicide attempts, self-harm behaviors, and suicidal ideation). All other DoD active and reserve military personnel

records collected without evidence of reportable suicide and self-harm behaviors will exist as a control group. Records are integrated from enterprise systems and created and revised by civilian and military personnel in the performance of their duties.

**Affected Public:** Individuals and households.

**Annual Burden Hours:** 260.5

**Number of Respondents:** 1,563

**Responses per Respondent:** 1

**Annual Responses:** 1,563

**Average Burden per Response:** 10 minutes

**Frequency:** As required.

Form completers are behavioral and medical health providers, military unit leadership or their designees. The DoDSER form is used to collect information regarding suicide events of military service members. Form completers collect information from military personnel records, military medical records, enterprise data systems within the DoD and persons (respondent) familiar with the event details. Respondents include but are not limited to family members, friends, unit members, unit leadership and clergy members. The DoDSER form data is used to produce ad hoc reports for services leadership and the DoDSER Annual Report. The annual report is a comprehensive analysis and presentation of the collected data which provides information for DoD suicide prevention efforts.

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